

2005 Senate Bill 655

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2005 WISCONSIN ACT 467

AN ACT *to repeal* 13.83 (4); and *to create* 13.83 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** special joint legislative committee on strengthening Wisconsin's families.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 13.83 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

13.83 (4) SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STRENGTHENING WISCONSIN'S FAMILIES. (a) The joint legislative council shall, in each biennium, create a special committee on strengthening Wisconsin's families. The joint legislative council shall direct the special committee to study issues related to strengthening Wisconsin's families and develop specific recommendations and legislative proposals relating to these issues. The special committee shall, from time to time, report its findings and its legislative and other recommendations to the joint legislative council. Among the issues that the joint legislative council may direct the special committee to study are the following:

1. Ways to increase awareness of the importance of families in society and resolving social issues.

1m. The establishment of a state council to improve coordination among state agencies of programs that affect families; to set priorities for state agencies based on community and family needs; to consolidate funding for programs and services that affect families; and to encourage communities to form local collaborative entities to coordinate, decrease duplication of, and streamline the delivery of services provided by public and private entities to families, children, and youth.

2. Ways to target public moneys for family services to families and not individuals.

3. Existing laws relating to strengthening families, including specifically chs. 46, 48, 49, and 938.

4. Ways in which the results from the scientific study of attachment and brain development can be incorporated into public schools, day care centers, and homes.

5. Child support and custody issues involving fathers, for the purpose of ensuring that fathers are appropriately engaged in the lives of their children.

6. Changes to state agency rules, policies, guidelines, and procedures to strengthen families, reduce reliance on social service professionals for family support, and maximize community support for families.

7m. Identification of qualities held by successful Wisconsin families and recommendation of legislation to support those qualities.

8. Changes to the state tax code to strengthen families and provide incentives to engage in family-supporting activities and services.

9. The advantages and disadvantages of merging the departments of workforce development and health and family services to create a new department of family supports to integrate family services currently administered by multiple departments.

10. Proposed legislation to create a reconciliation council, consisting of representatives of different cultural

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2003-04 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

and religious groups, that would seek to bridge cultural and religious differences among these groups.

11. Identification and support of private sector initiatives to strengthen families.

12. Ways in which local government services can be performed by volunteer groups of individuals and ways in which the saved moneys currently spent for these services by local governments can be allocated to the volunteer groups.

13m. Health care.

(b) The special committee shall be composed of the following:

1. Not fewer than 6 nor more than 11 members appointed by the joint legislative council who are not legislators.

2. Not fewer than 4 nor more than 12 legislator members of the senate and assembly, including at least one member of the majority party and at least one member of the minority party from each house, appointed by the joint legislative council.

(c) The joint legislative council shall pay the expenses incurred by the members appointed under par. (b) 1., in performing their functions on the special committee, from the appropriation under s. 20.765 (3) (e).

SECTION 1m. 13.83 (4) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act (this act), is repealed.

SECTION 2m. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) The repeal of section 13.83 (4) of the statutes takes effect on December 31, 2010.
